



IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims in the present application will replace all previous versions and listings of claims.

Claims Listing

1. (Withdrawn). An improved telescoping stun gun comprising:
 - a. a handle comprising a power source electrically connected to a voltage step-up circuit having an output of stepped-up voltage relative to the power source;
 - b. a first tube section having a base section and a distal end, said base section being connected to the handle;
 - c. at least one additional tube section having a proximal end and a distal end and being disposed within the first tube section, ~~and having a connection means to connect to the first tube section~~, said distal end comprising [an] a conductive probe electrically connected to the output of the step-up circuit, said probe for delivering a high-voltage shock, ~~said proximal end of said at least one additional tube section having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of the distal end of the first tube section~~;
 - d. deployment means to extend said at least one additional tube section from its position as being disposed within the first tube section to an extended position whereby ~~the connection means connects when in its extended position, the proximal end of the at least one additional tube section frictionally connects to the distal end of the first tube section to the proximal end of the at least one additional tube section~~; and
 - e. a first conductive lead electrically connected to the conductive probe, said first conductive lead being attached to the outside of the at least one additional tube section.

Claim 2 is canceled.

3. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of claim 1 wherein the first tube section is tapered along its entire length, the large end of the taper being at the base of the first tube section.
4. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of claim 1 wherein both the first tube section and the at least one additional tube section are tapered whereby the outer diameter of the proximal end of the at least one additional tube section is slightly larger in diameter than the inner diameter of the distal end of the first tube section.

Claim 5 has been canceled.

6. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of claim [5] 1 further comprising a second conductive lead electrically connected to ~~the output of the step-up circuit~~ conductive probe, said second conductive lead being placed along the ~~length of the exterior of the at least one additional tube section~~ first tube section.
7. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of claim [5] 1 wherein the conductive probe is electrically connected to the output of the step-up circuit through the first conductive lead.
8. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of claim 1 wherein the conductive probe is electrically connected to the output of the step-up circuit through one or more wires contained internally within the first tube section and the at least one additional tube section.
9. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of claim 1 wherein the conductive probe extends from the distal end of the at least one additional tube section.

Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Claim 11 has been canceled.

12. (Currently Amended). An improved telescoping stun gun comprising:
- a. a first tube section made from non-conductive material and having a base section and a distal end, said first tube section having no keys, said first tube section comprising a power source electrically connected to a voltage step-up circuit having an output of stepped-up voltage relative to the power source, said ~~distal end of~~ said first tube section having an inner wall having an inner diameter, the first tube section being tapered along its entire length, said taper being the widest at the base section and the smallest at the distal end of the first tube section;
 - b. at least one additional tube section made from non-conductive material and having a proximal end and a distal end and being disposed within the first tube section, said at least one additional tube section having no keys, the additional tube section being smoothly tapered along its entire length, said taper being the widest at the proximal end and the smallest at the distal end of the additional tube section, said distal end comprising a conductive probe electrically connected to the output of the step-up circuit, said probe for delivering a high-voltage shock, said proximal end of said at least one additional tube section having an outer wall having an outer diameter that is larger than the inner diameter of the inner wall of the distal end of the first tube section;
 - c. deployment means to extend said at least one additional tube section from its position as being disposed within the first tube section to an extended position whereby, when in the extended position, the outer wall of the ~~proximal end of the~~ at least one additional tube section directly contacts the inner wall of the distal end of the first tube section, the direct contact between the outer wall of the at least one additional tube section

and the inner wall of the first tube section causing a frictional connection which locks the additional tube section in its extended position;

- d. a at least two first conductive leads electrically connected to the probe, said first conductive leads attached to the outside of the at least one additional tube section; and
- e. a at least two second conductive leads electrically connected to the conductive probe, said second conductive leads being placed along a portion of the length of the exterior of the first tube section; whereby the electrical connection between the at least two first conductive leads and the probe and the two second conductive leads and the probe allows the two first conductive leads and the two second conductive leads to transfer the high voltage to the probe independently of the orientation of the first tube section having no keys and additional tube section having no keys when in the extended position.

Claims 13-18 have been canceled.

19. (Withdrawn). An improved telescoping stun gun comprising:
- a. a first tube section having a base section and a distal end;
 - b. at least one additional tube section having a proximal end and a distal end and being disposed within the first tube section, ~~and having a connection means to connect to the first tube section~~, said at least one additional tube section comprising a power source electrically connected to a voltage step-up circuit having an output of stepped-up voltage relative to the power source, said distal end comprising [an] a conductive probe electrically connected to the output of the step-up circuit, said probe for delivering a high-voltage shock;

c. said proximal end of said at least one additional tube section having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of the distal end of the first tube section;

d. deployment means to extend said at least one additional tube section from its position as being disposed within the first tube section to an extended position whereby the connection means connects the distal end of the first tube section to the proximal end of the at least one additional tube section deployment means to extend said at least one additional tube section from its position as being disposed within the first tube section to an extended position whereby, when in the extended position, the proximal end of the at least one additional tube section frictionally connects to the distal end of the first tube section; and

e. a first conductive lead electrically connected to the conductive probe, said first conductive lead attached to the outside of the at least one additional tube section.

20. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of Claim 1 wherein the stun gun is connected to a riot shield.

21. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of Claim 20 wherein the handle of the stun gun is rotatably mounted to the riot shield.

22. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of Claim 12 wherein the first tube section is tapered along at least a portion of the length of the first tube section, said taper beginning with the smallest diameter of the taper at the distal end of the first tube section.

23. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of Claim 22 wherein the at least one additional tube section is tapered along at least a portion of the length of the

additional tube section, said taper beginning with the largest diameter of the taper at the proximal end of the additional tube section.

24. (Withdrawn). The improved telescoping stun gun of Claim 23 wherein the rate of taper of the first tube section is equal to the rate of taper of the at least one additional tube section.